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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN COMMENTS ON SEPTEMBER 15-16 GAERC

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[1](#)1. (SBU) MFA EU External Relations and Crisis Situations
Section Chief Andras Dekany discussed reftels with PolOff on
September 12, and provided the following comments concerning
the agenda items:

[1](#)2. (SBU) Zimbabwe

- We are awaiting a clearer picture of the apparent agreement
reached this week in Harare. We will await to hear from
those EU members who have more experience and closer ties to
Africa.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Somalia

- We support the establishment of the EUNAVCO coordination
cell and the appointment of the Spanish Navy Captain to head
EUNAVCO.

[1](#)4. (SBU) Serbia

- We support the entry into force of the interim agreement -
it serves the interests of Serbia and the EU - and we welcome
the direct talks between Belgrade and Brussels.

- We welcome the agreement between UNMIK and EULEX, however
we see a problem in the handing over of competencies and
tasks. (Comment: Dekany provided no details as to specific
tasks. End comment.)

- Deployment of the EULEX should cover all of Kosovo's
territory. It is very important for EULEX to cooperate with
the local Kosovo-Serb leadership in the north, as the current
political situation in Belgrade provides an opportunity to
take advantage of those Kosovo-Serb leaders who are willing
to discuss a future within Kosovo.

- Belgrade asked for Hungarian support for their ICJ proposal
on Kosovo during Foreign Minister Goncz's recent visit --
Goncz "remained noncommittal." Hungary is interested in a
common EU position on Serbia's ICJ initiative due to the
"weight and complexity" of the issue.

[1](#)5. (U) Turkey

- does not expect to be an agenda item

[1](#)6. (SBU) Georgia

- We welcome the September 8 supplemental agreement and
believe now is the time for the EU to show the political will
to develop a forward-looking, comprehensive approach to the
crisis as well as moving forward with their ESDP mission.

- The October 1 ESDP target deployment date is important for EU credibility. The ESDP mission must be autonomous to, but complementary with, other international organizations - the UN and OSCE missions - with tasks clearly delineated and coordinated. Hungary submitted five law enforcement names for the ESDP mission and is awaiting nominations from their Security Services and Ministry of Defense for other candidates to serve with the mission.

- Hungary has offered two candidates for the ESDP advance team mission - one to serve as the POLAD and a second person to serve as a logistics expert.

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